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SUBJECT: KOREA AT 30TH UNGA

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1. DCM CALLED ON FONOFF DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS (MAGALHAES CRUZ) SEPTEMBER 26. DREW ON POINTS IN REFTELS, ESPECIALLY PARA 3, REF (A). CRUZ REPLIED THAT PORTUGAL'S POSITION STILL UNRESOLVED AS NEW FONMIN MELO ANTUNES STILL HAD NOT HAD TIME TO CONSIDER ISSUE AND THAT DECISION WOULD REST WITH HIM CRUZ EXPRESSED VIEW THAT PORTUGAL MOST PROBABLY WOULD AGAIN ABSTAIN ON ANY UNFRIENDLY RESOLUTION, AS IT DID IN 29TH UNGA. HOWEVER, GOP MIGHT CHANGE VOTE ON FRIENDLY RESOLUTION FROM "YES" TO ABSTENTION. CRUZ JUSTIFIED THIS POSSIBILITY BY NOTING THAT FRIENDLY RESOLUTION PASSED 29TH UNGA BY AMPLE MAJORITY AND THAT PORTUGUESE CHANGE TO ABSTENTION WOULD NOT ALTER OUTCOME, WHILE AT SAME TIME REAFFIRMING PORTUGAL'S INTEREST IN "THIRD WORLD," E.G., LIMA CONFERENCE, AND NEW DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH NORTH KOREA. CRUZ INDICATED GOP'S VOTE WOULD BE HEAVILY INFLUENCED BY
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WEST EUROPEAN ATTITUDES, ESPECIALLY DECISION OF AUSTRIA AND

SWEDEN. DCM REITERATED IMPORTANCE U.S. ATTACHES TO VOTES ON THIS ISSUE.

2. EMBASSY IS IN CONTACT WITH SOUTH KOREAN AND FRG AMBASSADORS WHO HAVE ALSO MADE REPRESENTATIONS TO FONOFF. KOREAN HAS INFORMATION ALL SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES EXCEPT FINLAND WILL SUPPORT FRIENDLY, AND ABSTAIN ON HOSTILE, RESOLUTIONS.

3. I PLAN TO RAISE KOREAN ISSUE AT HIGHEST LEVEL OF FONOFF AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY, WHEN I ALSO DISCUSS U.S. ASSISTANCE TO ANGOLAN AIRLIFT. (FONMIN ANTUNES IS EXPECTED TO DEPART SEPTEMBER 27 TO ACCOMPANY PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES ON VISIT TO POLAND AND USSR AND WILL LIKELY HAVE ONLY BRIEF STOP IN LISBON FOLLOWING TRIP PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FOR UNGA.)

4. AS THIS ISSUE STILL MUCH IN DOUBT, RECOMMEND DEPARTMENT CONSIDER CALLING PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR IN SO THAT FONMIN CAN ALSO HEAR FROM HIM OF U.S. CONCERN THAT PORTUGAL WILL NEEDLESSLY HARM ITS INTERESTS WITH U.S. FOR NO APPRECIABLE GAIN ON INTERNATIONAL OR DOMESTIC SCENE.

5. WE AGREE WITH KOREAN AMBASSADOR THAT A DEMARCHE BY DUTCH EMBASSY, WHICH HAS DISPROPORTIONATE INFLUENCE LOCALLY, WOULD BE USEFUL AND SUGGEST THAT DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO ENCOURAGE SUCH AN INITIATIVE. WE WILL DO SO HERE.

6. BELIEVE THAT CONTINUING EFFORTS BY USUN WITH PORTUGUESE DELEGATION WOULD BE HELPFUL REINFORCEMENT TO APPROACHES WE WILL BE MAKING HERE.

7. FYI: ADDRESSEES MAY FIND FOLLOWING STATISTICS USEFUL IN REFUTING ARGUMENTS BY GOP REPRESENTATIVES THAT THEY WISH TO MAINTAIN A "BALANCED POSITION" IN UNGA: UNDER PREVIOUS GONCALVES-LED GOVERNMENTS, GOP VOTED IN 29TH UNGA WITH U.S. ON 23 ISSUES AND WITH USSR ON 69 ISSUES.
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